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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary to a substantive examination on the merits, please amend the aboveidentified application as indicated below.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 11 and 12 as follows:

- 11. (amended) A system according to claim 9, wherein said color combining prism comprises three prisms.
- (amended) A system according to claim 9, wherein said color combining prism comprises four prisms.

Please add the following new claims:

25. (new) A system according to claim 10, wherein said color combining prism comprises three prisms.

26. (new) A system according to claim 10, wherein said color combining prism comprises four prisms.

#### REMARKS

New claims have been presented to better describe the invention and eliminate multiple dependent claims. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4750.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### APPENDIX

# (Amended Claims Showing Changes Made)

- 11. (amended) A system according to claim 9 [or 10], wherein said color combining prism comprises three prisms.
- 12. (amended) A system according to claim 9 [or 10], wherein said color combining prism comprises four prisms.

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